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## FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR-DR. TURNER

In a very short time, we have experienced many changes in management. As of February 5, 2008, I have been serving as Interim Director for the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. This is an appointment that I accept with enthusiasm and commitment to bring about positive change within our organization.

As I take to my new position, my goal is to provide leadership, strong counsel, and a viable vision for all staff. I have met with the County Manager, Zachary Williams and identified three areas of improvement that we will strive to accomplish - customer service, accountability, and innovation.

To set the path, my first priority is a thorough departmental assessment to ensure stabilization of the organization during this transition. Please continue to



provide a high level of service to all of our clients. We will be providing in-house customer service training in order to assist you with improving your contribution to the success of our Department.

I also encourage you to take responsibility for your duties. We are here to assist and

serve the public with their public health needs (whether it is a need for a flu shot or a birth certificate). It is important for us to be accountable to our external and internal customers. By accepting accountability, we raise the bar for the level of service we provide on a daily basis.

I hope you will strive to be innovative in performing your duties. As a Department, we are only as successful as our efforts and ideas. Finally, I encourage you to recommit to our charge *"To Promote, Protect, and Assure the Health and Wellness of the People of Fulton County."*

I look forward to working with all of you in the days to come and solicit your support as you have mine.

*Dr. Kim Turner*

## NEW EMPLOYEES & RETIREES

Clifford Pickett, MD  
Pamela D. Love  
Kimberly H. Wilson  
Geraldine Echols  
Karen J. Lymon  
Samantha N. Mathis  
Rory B. Sprouse,  
Patricia McKenzie  
Sabrina L. Harper-Murphy  
Carrie B. Irwin-Hill  
Olinthia T. Angrum  
Kathy L. Thomas  
Elizabeth A. Bostick  
Linda G. Martin-Terrell  
Chemika H. Haugabrook  
Carolyn Fulks  
Brenda A. Brown

LaTanya S. Blake  
Norbert B. Johnson  
Christina Hollingshed  
Cindy D. Adair  
Shirley Bonner  
Melody M. Best  
Tasha V. Stewart  
Cassandra Mitchell  
Lawanda K. Washington  
Elizabeth D. Herrion  
John A. Patterson, Jr.  
Amber J. Bennett  
Alicia J. Stovall  
Sonteria M. Williams  
Tamina D. Curtis  
Marck. D. Michel  
Antoinette N. Butler

Larry E. Hudson  
Winter L. Hawkins-Hasan  
Rochelle R. Rich  
Marie S. Duverne  
Angela Rojas  
Pamela D. Love  
Brittany A. McClure  
Kamill J. Willis  
LaToya D. Barbee  
Angellina C. Mason  
Veronica R. Levison  
Tracey Washington  
Gemina C. Albritton

Adella Richardson, Retired  
December 2007, 20 years

## DR. CLIFFORD PICKETT, INTERIM MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Dr. Clifford Pickett, Staff Physician, has received a temporary appointment as the Medical Director.

During this assignment, he will have oversight for the Communicable Disease Branch, Men's Health Program, Employee Health/Physical Exams and the Travel Clinic. Furthermore he will act as our lead medical administrator for consult and approval of all critical and general medical issues.

**Congratulations!**

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION BRANCH

### Kenneth Robinson, Goes to College



**"I feel really humbled by the opportunity to participate in African American HIV University because it will equip me with more information and strategies to make effective changes in our community. The bottom line is that the more that I have the more I can give away".**

Kenny Robinson is a Communicable Disease Specialist currently assigned to the Ryan White Clinic. He began his career with Fulton County in 1995 as a volunteer with the SDT/ HIV Department.

He has been accepted as a participant in the 2008 African American HIV University Community Mobilization College (AAHU CMC). The Community Mobilization College utilizes a unique and effective method for addressing the complex issues and barriers that prevent many in the Black community from utilizing HIV prevention services.

The AAHU Community Mobilization College ensures participants learn community mobilization strategies and techniques. It is a concentrated and repetitive program tackling the underlying social, economic and cultural factors that prevent African-American people from fully accessing and using HIV prevention services.

Utilizing the AAHU Community Mobilization Model as a foundation, the CMC four-track, three-internship curriculum seeks to engage traditional African-American institutions such as churches, civil rights and social organizations, African-American political leaders, sororities/fraternities, academia and the African-American media in local strategies to fight HIV/AIDS.

Through building the knowledge and skills of community leaders around the country and providing skills building internship practicum focused on community mobilization, participants are then capable of engaging Traditional African-American Institutions and other stakeholders in local level community activities that will increase access to

### GOVERNOR SONNY PURDUE PROCLAIMS TB AWARENESS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS



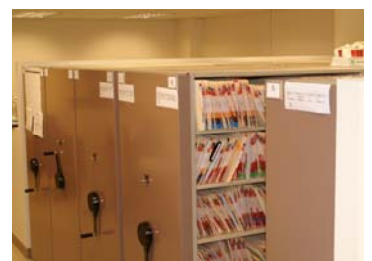
Governor Sonny Purdue presented a proclamation to the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Tuberculosis Program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in recognition of their work to increase TB awareness in Fulton County.



### OUT WITH THE OLD & IN WITH THE NEW ALDREDGE STD LAB AND CLERICAL INTAKE GET A FACELIFT !



THE LAB



STD CLERICAL INTAKE



## INTRODUCING ZACHARY WILLIAMS, FULTON COUNTY'S NEW MANAGER



The [Fulton County Board of Commissioners](#) named **Zachary Williams** as the new **County Manager**. Mr. Williams was sworn in on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Williams has served as Assistant County Administrator for Broward County, Florida since 2004. Broward is located in southern Florida, with a 2006 Census estimate of 1,787,636 residents, roughly twice the population of Fulton County.

From 2003 to 2004, Williams served as Assistant City Manager for the city of Coral Gables, Florida. He previously served with Broward County from 1993 to 2003, in the roles of Assistant to the County Administrator, Information Systems & Fixed Assets Manager, and Assistant Director/Chief of Staff for Community Services/Emergency Management.

Williams holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, both from California State University in Long Beach.

Fulton County Commission Chairman John H. Eaves said of the appointment, "I know that Mr. Williams possesses the skills to lead Fulton County during a time of transition. I look forward to working with him to develop a roadmap for the County's future."

## FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOHN EAVES VISITS HEALTH AND WELLNESS



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGES SCRAP TIRES

The Scrap Tire Management Program is a state program that has grant money available to prevent the indiscriminate dumping of old, used scrap tires that create mosquito breeding sources. The Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of the grant money to establish a Scrap Tire Amnesty Day whereby FC citizens can eliminate their scrap tires and mosquito breeding on their properties by bringing their scrap tires to designated locations throughout the county. We plan to conduct two Scrap Tire Amnesty Days in 2008. Last year, the program was very successful by collecting thousands of old tires which reduces the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, like West Nile Virus, and generally improves the quality of life for Fulton County citizens.



## EMPLOYEE LACTATION PROGRAM

All employees and their spouses are eligible for Breastfeeding Education Classes, breast pump loan and set up kit. Breast feeding support is also offered from birth until the baby is weaned. The pump that is loaned is the Medela Lactina (a hospital grade, double pumping system).

The current provider of these services is Jamie Bower with Atlanta's Lactation Station. Call 678-508-8680 or email [jamie@missjamieshouse.com](mailto:jamie@missjamieshouse.com). Please contact her for further information about educational seminars and/or to arrange pick up of the breast pump and set up kit.

## Join VOLUNTEER FULTON

Please contact **Jennifer Ayers-Moore**, (404) 730-2200/7944, [jennifer.ayers-moore@fultoncountygga.gov](mailto:jennifer.ayers-moore@fultoncountygga.gov)  
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**Terria Smith**, (404) 730-1388 [terria.smith@fultoncountygga.gov](mailto:terria.smith@fultoncountygga.gov)

**Community Health Education and Promotion** will offer the following services to the community during the first quarter: Parenting Classes, Health Presentations, Health Fairs, Health Promotion Events and Literature distribution.



**FAREWELL DR. ERIC BENNING - MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HEALTH AND WELLNESS****HEALTHLINE**

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